

CELEBRATIONS

Celebration Lutheran Church
April 2024

Sunday Schedule

9:00AM
Sunday School
& Adult Forum

10:00AM
Worship &
Livestream
Worship

11:00AM
Fellowship

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CALENDAR



April 26
5:30pm-7:00pm
Mini Retreat
Practicing
Resurrection

April 27
9:30am-4:00pm
Mini Retreat
Practicing
Resurrection

April 28
2:00pm
Fellowship Fun!

Pastors Report

“What do we call you?” “Are you still Sarah? Or are you now Pastor Sarah?”

These questions were the beginning of a good conversation with a group of folks who gathered at the church for a meeting. The group got into a discussion of when and how to use the title of Pastor for me. And how they used the title in previous years and with previous pastors. Some of the folks said they never would have dreamed of calling a pastor by simply their first name before. Our situation is different than it might have been, if Celebration had called a previously unknown pastor. That person would likely have been called Pastor So-and-So from the beginning. However, since most of you have known me as just Sarah for quite a while now, it’s a great question.

It was a fun conversation and it seemed good to talk about, since people did indeed wonder what was best. Here were my thoughts on the matter. I am comfortable with people using just my first name, if that is comfortable for you. I am comfortable with Pastor Sarah, too. Either way you address me is great!

My real concern is that you and your family know that you indeed have a pastor when it is important for you to have a pastor in your life. I am here at Celebration as your pastor. I am ready to walk the paths of your life with you. So, if and when you find yourself struggling and you could really use a pastor to talk to, please know that I am indeed your pastor. I want to be a part of the supports of your life. That is true whether you call me Pastor Sarah or just Sarah.

As busy as the life of a pastor is, I am not too busy for you...particularly now that Holy Week is done! Please reach out to me if you could use a conversation, a visit, or a walk along the river. Let’s find some time to connect.

Blessings to you this Easter season! May the hope and promise of Christ’s resurrection fill your heart, mind, and soul.

With love, Pastor Sarah

COUNCIL

With the arrival of spring, the Council will be moving on a few projects that have been deferred until Pastor Sarah and our new council members were in place. We have long recognized that one of our greatest assets in serving our community is our facility. Additionally, renting the fellowship hall with the kitchen for events or weekly meetings can raise a significant amount of revenue. There are two items that we will be working to resolve before we can make it available.

First, the kitchen appliances have to be serviced and repaired as needed and kitchen supplies will have to be purchased and inventoried.

Second, we will be seeking a kitchen coordinator to put together a team to prepare the kitchen for events. We will also be reviewing interest rates earned on our accounts to increase interest revenue if possible.

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When I retired, one of my first purchases was a 35mm camera from Costco. I thought that taking up photography would be a fun way to use some of my new found spare time. I have never been particularly good at anything remotely connected to the arts, but how hard can it be to take a picture, right? That was ten years ago and thanks to a photo club I now know what about half of the buttons and knobs do on the camera, but I still haven't progressed much beyond novice. What I have noticed, though, is how differently the world looks through a lens. My powers of observation have improved quite a bit as I subconsciously look for that perfect picture. I'm paying more attention to things that I would have passed by not long ago. The world is a more beautiful place.

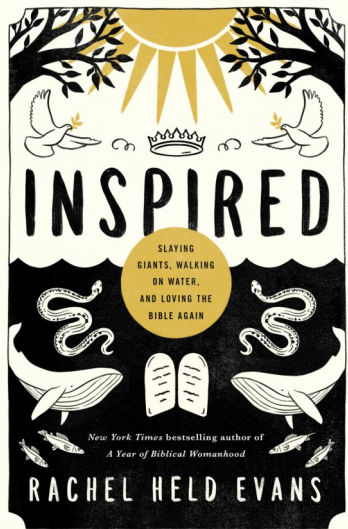
As I think about how rewarding my dabbling in photography has been, I can't help but draw parallels to my spiritual life. Of the many ways in which I can experience God, the most common is in community. I have been involved in small groups most of my life and have learned a lot about what it means to be a Christian through the experiences of others. They have been invaluable sounding boards and support groups. They are a spiritual lens in a way, that helps me to pay more attention to what Christ is doing in and around me, and to see the world differently.

Pastor Sarah along with Council will be discussing ways in which small groups can be successful in our congregation. They can take on many different forms and sizes from bible study groups to smaller breakfast or lunch fellowship groups. Please consider participating – they are a great way to make acquaintances into new friends.

That's it for now. Be sure to reach out to a Council member with any questions or concerns or --- if you are looking for a way to help 😊.

God Bless, Dan Hiatt, President Celebration Church Council

ADULT EDUCATION



Beginning April 7 (after Easter), the Adult Forum will focus on an overview of the Bible. We will enter into this conversation that will take us through May using the book, "Inspired" by Rachel Held-Evans. We will discuss one chapter per week.

For folks who like to read, you will be invited to read along. For those who would prefer to not read the book, we will cover the main points from each chapter so that you can fully participate in the conversation.

This book is a great entry point to help us read the Bible with a perspective that is historical, open-minded, as well as faithful. She will help us explore how the Bible is "not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world."

This book is an accessible, fun read that will provide a good foundation for future conversations we will have about the books of the Bible our adult forum group wanted to dig into, such as the books of the major and minor prophets.

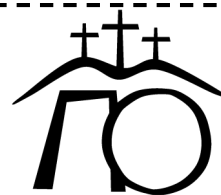
If you've ever wanted to engage Scripture more deeply, come join the conversation! Your questions and curiosities are welcome!

WORKSHOP

Practicing Resurrection Mini-Retreat

Friday 26th 5:30 - 7pm

Saturday 27th 9:30am - 4pm



Come join Pastor Sarah for a *mini retreat*, "**Practicing Resurrection.**" Resurrection is not just a promise for our life after death. Resurrection is a promise for today! Transformation for our minds, hearts, and souls are available to us now. In this mini-retreat, we explore what it can mean to walk this personal walk of transformation with Christ and in community with each other.

We will learn about practices of:



- Active listening to ourselves, God, and each other
- Sharing our stories, beliefs, and questions
- Discernment of the movement of God in our lives
- Navigating what gets in the way of our faith journeys and living life
- Weaving together a path for a deepened faith journey

After this retreat, some may wish to continue meeting in smaller groups to “practice resurrection” together.

EVANGELISM



Evangelism would like to celebrate your birthday with a song and sweet treat!

At the end of each month, during fellowship, we would like to happily acknowledge congregation members birthdays.

Please see **June McCann (509-670-5207)** and let her know when your birthday is for us to celebrate in that month!

CLC COMMUNITY GARDEN -WSU EXTENSION - MASTER GARDENER COLLABORATION

Celebration’s community garden will be opening mid April. If you are interested in having a garden plot. Please contact Darcie in the office to reserve your spot today!



SERVICE CARE



Celebration’s service care ministry is simplifying how to sign-ups for the various service tasks that take place each Sunday worship.

Please say YES! As service care leaders call on you to participate in the flow of worship.

If you are interested in participating in a certain task, please reach out to that leader below. Check the bulletin board for the new service care schedules. Thank you!

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FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Fun! April 28th ~ 2:00pm ~ Chateau Fair Le Pont

All are invited to continue touring the valley’s local winery’s while enjoying the company and fellowship of one another. Our next tour stop is re-visiting Chateau Fair Le Pont. Hope to see you there! **Invite a friend or family member!**

1 Vineyard Way, Wenatchee 509-667-9463 <https://fairelepont.com/>



BITS & PIECES

Blog Introduction:

It's not just you! We all forget the main points of a sermon, even if we really resonated with the message. To support your faith journey, we will be posting the text of the sermon every week on the website. While the written sermon and the actual spoken sermon will be different, the main points will all be there. Plus, the videos for each service will also be embedded in the post if you wanted to hear a part again. You can use this as a way to share a message that was meaningful to you, to engage more deeply in the questions raised in the sermon, or to catch up on a service that you missed.

You can find the blog at the church website, <https://clcewen.org/blog>.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY - HOLDEN VILLAGE

Are you planning on coming to Holden Village? The time to sign up is now! Our hope is that everyone who wants to come does indeed come. If the price is prohibitive, please contact Pastor Sarah or Darcie in the office. The church may be able to help cover the costs!

Sign up online at <https://www.holdenvillage.org/>. Celebration is going up to Holden during the week of July 22nd. You can come for either 2 or 4 nights. There will be educational opportunities, time for hiking, reading, crafts, visiting, hanging out in the hot tub, time away from screens, and meeting other seekers from around the country. The focus of the week will be on creation care, but also inspiring time for worship and connection.

Sign up today!



Spring Ukraine Refugee Benefit Concert

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2 PM

Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee

This concert is free; donations will be gratefully accepted.

Join us for a heartfelt afternoon of music, interspersed with testimonials and inspirational messages as we raise funds to help local Ukraine refugees in need of support.

PRESENTING MUSICIANS

Judy Olson & Susie Schell-Dietsch (Piano Duets), Sage Hills Trio, Applearies, Apollo Club, Sofiia, Yeva & Solomiia Bokovtsova (Voice/Piano), First United Methodist Church Choir, Voices of Grace, Tetiana Chugaeva (Pan Flute), and Wenatchee's Big Band

FRIENDS OF UKRAINE REFUGEES
FriendsOfUkraineRefugees.org



Enabling service, love and justice so that all can thrive.

Come join us!

Our next meeting:

Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m. at New Song Community Church, Grant Road & Iowa, East Wenatchee.

(Coffee, conversation and snacks at 1:30!)

OUR MISSION:

In solidarity with affected communities, we are diverse people of faith and conscience who seek the justice, equity and collective liberation needed to create a flourishing world, beginning in NCW.

The Interfaith Justice Coalition was formed in summer 2023 to gather diverse faith communities in North Central WA to build relationship across difference and organize for justice. We advocate for tolerance, empathy, inclusion, nonviolence and open-minded acceptance of all people.

All are welcome to join us, whether or not you attend religious services or identify with a faith community. We meet once a month at various locations.

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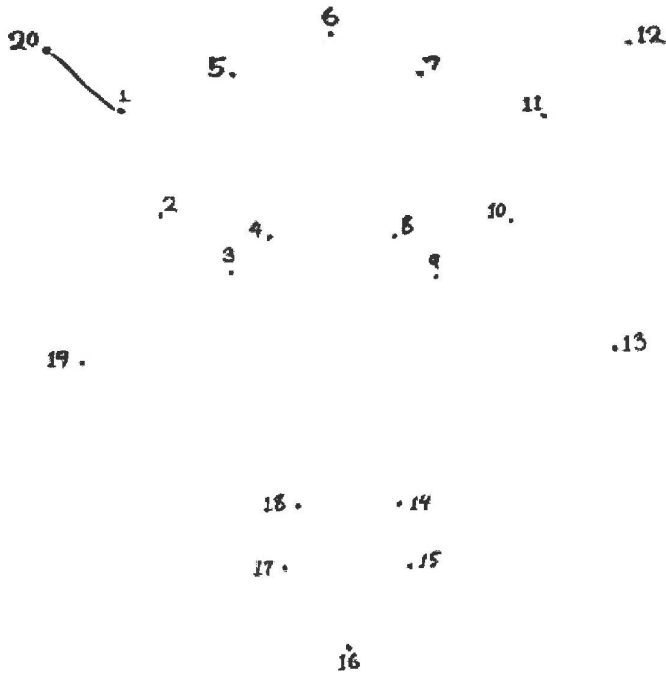
IJC collaborates with the Faith Action Network of Washington: FANWA.org

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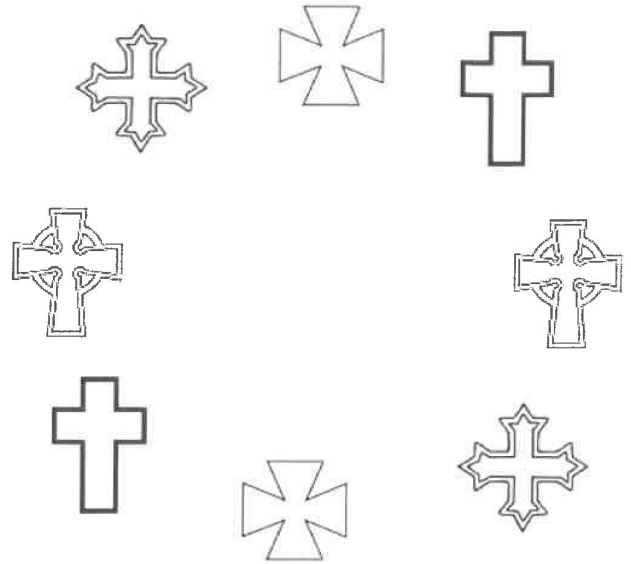
Jesus' disciples met in a locked room. Suddenly Jesus stood with them! He said "Peace be with you."



Connect the dots to find a church symbol for peace.



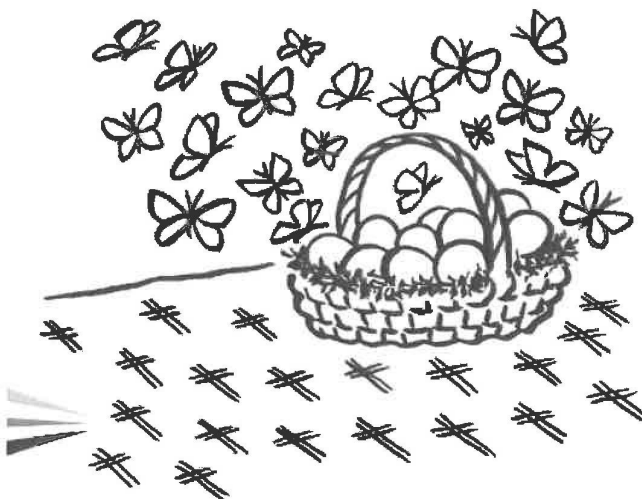
Crosses come in many different designs. Which crosses match? Find the matching pairs. Color each pair a different color.



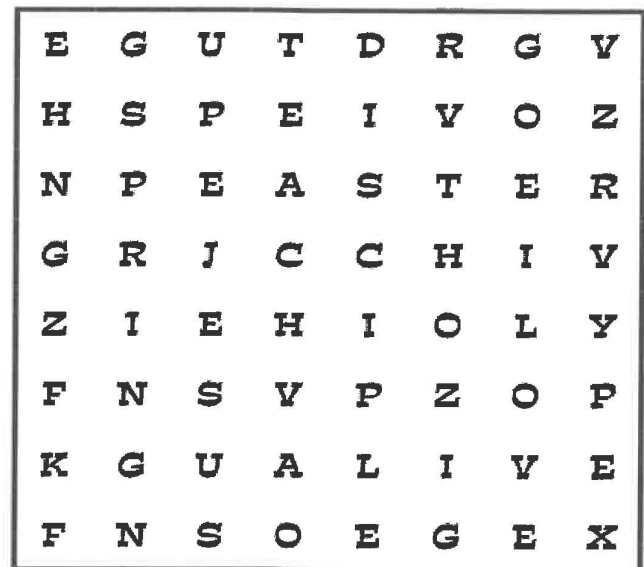
How Many Days?

Did you know that Easter is not just one day? The season of Easter lasts for weeks! This is wonderful news!

Count the crosses, the eggs, and the butterflies. Add them all together and you'll know how many days are in the Easter season.



Find the Easter words in the word find below.



Jesus
Love
Go

Easter
Spring
Disciple

Alive
Teach



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Go to www.clcewen.org and click on the **DONATE** button for your general offering.

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- Give anytime, anywhere using your computer, tablet or mobile phone
- Make regular church offerings without writing a check or preparing envelopes
- Give in the moment with a fast, one-time donation
- Schedule recurring contributions so they arrive even when you can't attend services
- Pay for events and activities using your checking/savings banking information
- If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office

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